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SUBJECT: IEA-NORWAY: PROPOSED AGREEMENT

1. ON JANUARY 16 I INFORMED DAVIGNON THAT AMBASSADOR BYRNE HAD APPROACHED FRYDENLUND ALONG THE LINES OF STATE 9363 AND HAD GIVEN HIM NEW DRAFT LANGUAGE FOR THE AFFILIATION AGREEMENT.

2. DAVIGNON RAISED FORMAL OBJECTIONS TOT THE PROCEDURE THE U.S. HAD EMPLOYED.HE SAID THAT THE U.S. SHOULD HAVE PRESENTED THE PROPOSED MODIFICATION OF THE AFFILIATION AGREEMENT TO THE CHAIRMAN AND ASKED HIM TO RAISE IT WITH THE NORWEGIANS. DAVIGNON ALSO SAID THAT THE NORWEGIANS WERE QUITE AGITATED AND CONCERNED. DAVIGNON SAID THAT HE HAD SUCCEEDED IN CALMING THE NORWEGIANS. I EXPRESSED SURPRISE, SAYING THAT FRYDENLUND'S INITAIAL REACTION IN HIS TALK WITH AMBASSADOR BYRNE APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN MILD.

3. DAVIGNON SUGGESTED THAT WE NOT PRS THE MATTER FURTHER IN BILATERAL TALKS WITH THE NORWEGIANS BUT GIVE HIM SOME TIME TO TRY TO WORK IT OUT WITH THE NORWEGIANS.

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DAVIGNON THOUGHT THAT THE CHANGES THEU.S. WAS

PROPOSING IN THE TEXT OF THE AFFILIATION AGREEMENT
APPEARED REASONABLE. SOMETHING ALONG THE LINES DESIRED
BY THE U.S. SHOULD BE POSSIBLE.

4. DAVIGNON UNDERSTANDS THE U.S. CONCERN THAT THE
AGREEMENT AS NOW DRAFTED COULD CREATE POLITICAL PRESSURES
IN OTHER IEA COUNTRIES FOR SIMILAR SPECIAL TREATMENT.
HOWEVER, HT THOUGHT THE MAIN POTENTIAL PROBLEM WAS WELL
ON THE WAY TO SOLUTION. HE SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN WORKING
WITH THE CANADIANS ON AN ASSURANCE THAT THEY WOULD NOT
REFER TO IEA-NORWAY AFFILIATION AGREEMENT IN PARLIAMENT
AND EXPOSE THEMSELVES TO PRESSURES FOR SPECIAL TREATMENT.
DAVIGNON SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN INFORMED INFORMALLY THAT
THE CANADIAN MINISTERS HAD AGREED AND THAT HE WAS
WAITING FOR FORMAL CONFIRMATION. I REPLIED THAT OUR
CONCERNS WERE NOT LIMITED TO CANADA AND THAT CHANGES IN
THE TEXT ALONG THE LINES WE DESIRED WOULD BE THE BEST WAY
TO ASSURE THAT OTHERS DID NOT ASK FOR EXCEPTIONS TO THE
IEP OBLIGATIONS. RENNER

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